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U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
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Re: Docket #98P-0151/CPI

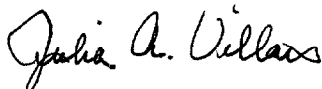
I am writing you in support of a petition filed by Farm Sanctuary that would prohibit the slaughter of "downed" animals.

Downed animals become too weak and sick to stand up or move under their own strength due to the horrendous conditions on factory farms. These animals are shackled, hoisted, and dragged by the leg or neck or pushed by tractors and forklifts to the slaughterhouse. They suffer broken bones, torn tendons, and lacerations from this inhumane handling and are often fully conscious and suffer intensely. This process is not only inhumane but it increases the risk of bacterial contamination.

Please help end the suffering of these downed animals and stop this unconscionable practice by supporting this petition.

Thank you for your promptest attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



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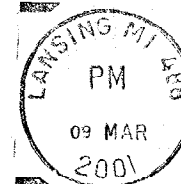
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